Dear Parents and Friends

Keeping Kids at School
Our children’s education is vital to their future and the future of our community and attendance at school is a key to their success and learning. It has been proven that any time away from school lessons will impact on children’s learning and education outcomes.

One of the biggest obstacles to full school attendance facing students is the temptation to truant from school. The “Keeping Kids in School” campaign is a community campaign to reduce truancy and improve education and community outcomes. Under Keeping Kids in School, **students can be refused service in local businesses** during school hours unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Participating businesses will display large posters on their premises issuing this warning. Students without a valid school leave pass will not be served, and schools or local Police may be contacted by the business or businesses concerned.

The Keeping Kids in School campaign is supported across Albany by the Department of Education, Albany police, the Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the City of Albany – all of whom recognise the importance of school attendance and the value of education.

All parents and guardians are encouraged to reinforce the messages of the Keeping Kids in School campaign – attendance at school is important and the community recognises and supports this. Your help in taking a positive and active role in this campaign is highly valued and appreciated.

Katanning Netball Carnival
It is great that we have been able to put together 2 Year 6/7 netball teams to travel to Katanning tomorrow for an interschool netball carnival. Anytime a student gets to represent their school at an event such as this should be a valuable and enjoyable experience. I am sure that given that our students will play teams from across the Great Southern this will be no exception. Many thanks to Mrs Binning for being prepared to organise such an opportunity and to those parents prepared to help out with transport. I wish all involved a successful day.

School Visits
Over the next 2 weeks a total of 13 staff from 4 schools will be here on 2 separate days observing the explicit teaching model we are developing in our classes. This is recognition of the work our staff are doing in developing their teaching skills. This kind of exchange helps these schools develop a similar approach, builds a supporting network of schools and will be a valuable resource in assisting us into the future. It also helps build our reputation as a school where high quality teaching takes place.

PATHS
**PATHS** (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) is a program that we have been endeavouring to implement in our school over the last 3 years. In a world that is faster paced and generally involving less interpersonal interaction children are not receiving the experiences they may have had in the past that lead them to having an effective social and emotional skill set. Skills that enable them to appropriately regulate and manage their own emotions, to identity, understand and manage the feelings of those around them, to cultivate good relationships and develop a positive self image as well as solve interpersonal conflict effectively.

The program covers these five domains of social and emotional development:
- self-control
- emotional understanding
- positive self-esteem
- relationships
- interpersonal problem-solving skills.

Over the next few weeks I will aim to review the kinds of activities that are covered in each of these domains. This will help you to reinforce some of the concepts involved and build your understanding of how best to develop your child’s social and emotional skills.

Alan Dowsett – Principal
Spencer Park Primary School
Code of Behaviour

- Respect other people, their rights and their property.
- Be courteous.
- Let others learn.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated.

Forthcoming Events

HOT!HOT!HOT! Tickets on sale Fri 30 Aug
Next Assembly Term 3 (Room 5) Fri 9 Aug
WAMSE Testing Yr 5 and 7 5–9 Aug
Netball Carnival Katanning Fri 9 Aug
Cybersmart Parent Workshop 6.30pm 14 Aug
Eagles Cup vs St Josephs (Away) Tues 20 Aug
Bookweek 19–23 Aug
Deadline for Return of Annual Parent Survey Fri 13 Sept
Deadline for Commemorative Paving Brick Order Fri 27 Sept

Cross Country/Lapathon Sponsorship Draw

Congratulations go to the following students who were involved in raising funds for the school by being sponsored for the Lapathon and Cross Country and had their names drawn out from among all of the people involved in this activity.
Angelina Rm 1 Neve PP2 Lilly Rm 2
Jacob Rm 2 Chad Rm 3 Asha Rm 4

Commemorative Paving Bricks

A reminder that we are currently taking orders for the purchase of a commemorative paving brick, Order forms were sent out with a previous newsletter, but can also be obtained at our school’s front office. The cost per brick is $30. Any money raised from this sale will go to the school’s P&C.

JEANS FOR GENES

Thanks for the great effort in fundraising Jeans for genes. We collected $520.10

FATHERS DAY STALL

Friday 30th August at lunchtime in the undercover area.

LUCKY TICKET DRAW

Recognising effort, excellence and good citizenship. Congratulations to these students who won ice cream tickets at the assembly last Friday.
Tom Rm 19 Josh Rm 19
Becky Rm 5 Lucas Rm 7
Caspar Rm 5 Bella Rm 3
Ryley Rm 5 Terraley Rm 5

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

We congratulate the following students who received certificates at the last assembly.
Erin Rm 2 Jasmine Rm 3
Denayh Rm 3 Jessica Rm 7
Mitchell Rm 7 Molly Rm 2
Taylor Rm 2 BJ Rm 5
Max Rm 5 Johnathon Rm 18
Jasmine Rm 18 Leah Rm 19
Joshua Rm 19 Caspar Rm 4
Gabriel Rm 9 Gemma Rm 9
Cylas Rm 10 Desirae Rm 10
Keinan Rm 17

All parents are invited to Cyber Safety
Informative sessions provided by: CyberSmart
When: Wednesday, 14th August
Where: Spencer Park Primary School (Staff room)
Session Time: 6:30PM—7:40 PM
(All parents are encouraged to attend)
Free entry
Supported by the PaCE program at Spencer Park Primary School
Further information please phone Briony 0429012104
As we received a $20,000 playground grant, we are in the process of redesigning our playground. We have Jim McLean, a Nature Play Playground designer, putting together a plan for us. In the mean time the students will be visiting schools that have Nature Play playgrounds.

Albany Primary School was kind enough to let us visit last Friday. The students had a great time; many photos and videos were taken. The students telling us what they thought was great about the playground.

This is our way of honouring our students’ opinion. They can see it. Physically play on it. Take photos of it and tell us what they like.

BOOK WEEK 2013 is coming

Mon. 19th - Friday 23rd August 2013
“Read across the Universe”
is this year’s theme.

In the library there will be a colourful display of Shortlisted books by Authors and Winners of the 2013 Children’s Book Awards.

Students will get the chance to see and hear the very best literature available in Australia.

Many of these well crafted and beautifully illustrated stories will stay with them into the future.

The Library is also running a “Make your own shelf marker” competition.
$20.00 gift vouchers can be won, so get creative, get arty and enter- Now!

On Friday 23rd August dress up as your favourite Book Character for the parade after assembly.

Book Week is an exciting event on the school calendar.
Be part of it and don’t miss the fun!

WA Education Awards

Nominations for the WA Education Awards are now being called for. These awards celebrate schools and staff who have achieved outstanding results in education throughout the year. The awards cover a number of categories and acknowledge and thank individuals and schools for their achievements and enable them to further excel their results through professional development.

Categories for 2013 are:

- WA Premier’s Early Childhood Teacher of the Year
- WA Premier’s Primary Teacher of the Year
- WA Premier’s Secondary Teacher of the Year
- WA Primary Principal of the Year
- WA Secondary Principal of the Year
- WA Beginning Teacher of the Year

Please Feel free to discuss any of your concerns with me. It is best to make an appointment by calling 9841 1537 to be sure I will be available.

Diane E Edwards, Principal
WA School Support Staff Member of the Year
WA Primary School of the Year
WA Secondary School of the Year

Cash prizes will be awarded to finalists and winners of the nine categories. Prize money for individuals will incorporate a professional learning component which will not only benefit the individual but also the school and most importantly, its students.

Nominations for awards close on Friday 16 August. More information can be found at; http://www.det.wa.edu.au/educationawards/detcms/portal/

FATHERS DAY FAMILY NIGHT AT BUNNINGS.
All families are invited to attend the Father Family Night at Bunnings. We are having it on the 28th August from 5pm till 7pm. We are offering the kids a chance to build a gift for Dad. There will be fun for all of the family. Drinks and Nibbles. The theme for the night is DRESS LIKE YOUR DAD. We will have a door prize for a lucky DAD.

Did you save your cash bonus for education costs?
Saver Plus provides free financial education, budgeting and savings tips to assist you in making your money go further! Saver Plus will even match your savings dollar for dollar, up to $500 towards education costs. There's no catch.
To be eligible you need to have:
- Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school, starting next year or study yourself
- Some regular household income, e.g., you or a partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work.

Contact Maureen Adams at Anglicare WA on 9845 6617 or maureen.adams@anglicare.org.au
Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Would $500 assist you with education costs?
You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including:
• school uniforms
• text books
• excursions
• laptops
• sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
• music tuition and instrument hire
• TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

Anglicare WA delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

To be eligible you must:
• have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
• are at least 18 years old
• have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and
• have a child at school, or study yourself.

To find out more contact Maureen Adams, Saver Plus Worker at Anglicare WA 9845 6617 or maureen.adams@anglicare.org.au

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MORE INFO about campaign:
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RSVP EMAIL OPTIONAL:
ozkiwi.albanywa@gmail.com

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When: Sat, 31st August 10-12 noon
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